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Transportation Update

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All Jurisdictions in Conformance with Congestion Management Program

Each year the CMA assesses whether local jurisdictions are in conformance with its congestion management program. Local jurisdictions must abide by the requirements of the land use analysis element, transportation demand management requirements, level of service standards, reporting on deficiency plans in progress and other aspects of the program. Failure to conform could risk gas tax subventions to the affected city or County. The CMA Board has found all jurisdictions in conformance with the requirements of the CMP.

CMA Authorizes Analysis of Highway Improvements in Livermore Valley

The 2004 Countywide Transportation Plan includes improvements in the I-580, I-680 and Route 84 corridors. Because the operation of these three highways is inter-related, construction sequencing for improvements on each highway must be considered in a comprehensive analysis. Improvements in the area will also need to be staged given funding constraints. At its November meeting, the CMA Board authorized a staging analysis and provided the funding. A policy oversight committee has been formed composed of the mayor and one councilmember from each of the three affected cities plus the two county supervisors representing the Livermore Valley. The analysis will begin in January 2005 and is expected to take approximately six months. The first meeting of the policy committee is expected to occur on January 31, 2005.

Poll Provides Insight into Public Opinion of HOT Lanes

At its November meeting, the Board received a report on a poll of public opinions related to high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes and methods of addressing equity. In general, the public continues to be supportive of the HOT lane concept that allows single occupant vehicles to pay a fee to use carpool lanes. The poll also suggests that, when the HOT lane concept is described to the public, materials should emphasize that carpools continue to travel for free and that HOT lane revenues will be used to improve carpool facilities and for transit in the corridor.

Contractor Outreach Workshop Held

On Friday, December 17th the CMA held a workshop for consultants that may be interested in bidding on upcoming engineering work. The CMA will follow-up with additional workshops as needed. With additional contracting opportunities on the horizon with the CMA as a result of Regional Measure 2 and other funding sources, an effort is being made to reach out to consultants early. It is hoped that through early outreach a wider range of consultants will propose and opportunities will be made available for minority and small businesses.

Bay Bridge Costs Take Center Stage

This matter has received considerable press lately. The Administration is proposing to substitute a "skyway" concept for the main span of the replacement bridge. While the State hopes to make a final decision as early as possible, State law will need to be amended to permit the "skyway" option to proceed. BT&H

Secretary McPeak has emphasized the need for a consensus on this matter within the Bay Area. In a related action, the State auditor has released a report that is critical of Caltrans' actions related to the Bay Bridge, but essentially concludes that the bridge replacement will cost what it costs. This report suggests the costs will likely be even higher than an August 2004 Caltrans' report and could reach \$6 billion. It seems clear that a bridge toll increase is in the future, since the highway account is broke due to the State fiscal crisis. Some have suggested the State should pay for the cost increases, not just the bridge users. There is however no free lunch. If for example the State were to kick in an additional \$800 million in transportation funds, Alameda County would need to remove \$25 to \$35 million in key projects from the State Transportation Improvement Program.

CMA Approves Submittal for Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

At its December meeting, the Board approved the Alameda County submittal for MTC's regional bicycle and pedestrian program. The submittal includes 11 projects asking for a total of \$8.7 million in federal funds. These projects will compete with projects from the other eight Bay Area counties for \$8 million in available funding.

State of Transportation in Alameda County Report Approved

The CMA Board has approved the 2003-04 Performance Report, "State of Transportation in Alameda County." The report includes data on the state of the roadway and transit system. The report should be available at the end of January 2005 following printing.

CMA Adopts 2005 Legislative Program

At its December meeting, the CMA adopted its 2005 Legislative Program. Given the State's fiscal crisis, the program

focuses on protecting existing transportation funding, authorization to raise new revenue locally, and federal funding for key CMA projects and programs.

Deadlines to Note

2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
Final RTP *February 2005*

TDA Article 3 Bicycle/Pedestrian Program, Measure B Bicycle/Pedestrian Program, and Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA): County Program
Draft Program *March 2005*
Final Program *April 2005*

Upcoming Meetings

<i>January</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>10</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>10</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>19/20</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>
	<i>27</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>
	<i>31</i>	<i>Tri Valley Triangle Analysis Policy Advisory Committee</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>4</i>	<i>CMA Board Retreat (Waterfront Hotel, Oakland; Port Tour to follow)</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>24</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>

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